

Palm Sunday

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem



March 28, 2021



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

Officiant

Dear siblings in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again.

During this service, we will keep our focus on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his final destination. What did it look like, sound like, and feel like that day? If you had been living there at that time, would you have welcomed Jesus, or felt threatened by him? Would you have cheered him on, or laughed at him?

This mix of feelings and reactions is intrinsic to our observance of Palm Sunday. Just as people entered ancient Jerusalem to prepare for its greatest feast, Passover, so do we today enter the Holy City of our hearts and prepare for our Great Paschal celebration.

In our changed environment and virtual gathering, our observance today will be different out of necessity. As our Worship Commission has discussed, it brings an unforeseen blessing to observe an older tradition in which Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday were separated by one week. In the midst of the dramatic changes that we are all now living, we will embrace the opportunity to slow our Holy Week movement.

The movement will quicken on Maundy Thursday for the observance of Jesus' last supper, for which you can tune in here on YouTube and Facebook at 6:00 p.m., and we will hear the account of Jesus' Passion by video on Good Friday at noon, but not today. For today, let us imagine Jesus entering Jerusalem, and let us go with him in love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

OPENING HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

Hymnal 154

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me. Who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector A reading from Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death in a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by - whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be low, a - bove:

earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,

vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader In both joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. Let us pray.

For Christ Church Detroit and for all Christian people throughout the world, that through suffering and struggle, there may grow a rich union in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, especially Joe our President, Gretchen our Governor, and Michael our Mayor, that our common life may be ordered in justice and empathy.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who bring joy to our lives, especially Ingrid Adele Sharrow, who was born to Greg and Maren (Coleman) Sharrow on March 9th, and those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Sally LePla, Cathy Berlage, Sally Wheeler, Gwen Ald, Cassandra Pettiford-Landsberg, Tom Solomon, Richard Esse, Christian Warner, and those we now name.

(People add names silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, and those weighed down by hardship, sorrow, or illness, that they may find support and encouragement. We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Bob Brown, Tim Cook, Daniel, David Dieter, Digory, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Natasha Foreman, Grace, Michael, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Matthew Klein, Martin, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Paul, Kathleen S., Atticus Schoonover, Marilyn Shabby, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, Glen Swanson, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, and those we now name.*

(People add names silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who have died in faith or whose faith is known to you alone, they may rejoice in your eternal presence, to the comfort and consolation of those who mourn. We pray especially those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may walk with you, and you with us, all of our days.
In your name we pray.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.
We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually,
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus!

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can-a hinder me.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, de first an' las', no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like Him.
Duh river of Jerdin He did cross, no man works like Him.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, de first an' las', no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides in de middle o' de air, oh!
He calls duh saints from ev'rywhere, ah!

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can-a hinder me.

He is duh King. He is duh Lord, ha!
Yes, He is duh King, He is duh Lord, ha!
Jesus Christ, de first an' las', no man works like Him.
Ride on, ride on, ride on, ride on, Jesus!

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

adapted from *This Far By Faith*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: because, though our road has been stony going, you have given us the power to stand firm in the face of wickedness and to rejoice in triumph over death and the grave. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; remembering your truth, and awaiting the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And send your Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to fill our hearts with courage to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Common Worship

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Lord, remember us and work in our imaginations
as we remember the smell of the wine and the feeling of the bread in our hands.
Remember us, as we long to rejoice with our sisters and brothers around this table.
Amen.**

The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Common Worship

Celebrant Gracious God, you give bread to the hungry and wine to gladden our hearts.
Even in the wilderness, you see to it that we are fed.
All **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, may we follow you and share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.
Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant May you begin the Passion's journey in the Holy City of your heart. See our Lord and shout Hosanna! Lay the palms of your hopes and the cloaks of your sorrows along the way, so that Christ may journey to you. May you find the strength to keep walking when the road is shrouded in darkness. And the blessing of God almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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